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Disaster News

FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 6

GRAND ISLAND, NE –The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reminds local municipalities in Nebraska that February 6 is the deadline for the Request for Public Assistance (RPA) application. The FEMA Public Assistance program provides supplemental aid to communities to help them recover from disasters as quickly as possible.

By submitting an RPA, local governments and certain non-profit organizations can apply for disaster assistance to help recover costs associated with the recent ice storms. The RPA application deadline is one month from the date of the federal disaster declaration.

Applications may be submitted to the State Public Assistance Officer by mail, fax, or in person. Applications should mailed to: Seth Hyberger, Joint Field Office, 2250 North Webb Road, Grand Island, NE 68803 or faxed: 308-384-2010 attn: Seth.

For more information about the Public Assistance grant application process, please see the FEMA website. http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/process.shtm

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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Editors: For more information on the Nebraska disaster recovery, visit www.fema.gov or http://www.nema.ne.gov/.